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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7818

BILL NUMBER: SB 607

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 15, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Combining Licensing Bureau and Agency.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Meeks

BILL STATUS: As Passed - Senate

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Alderman

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill combines the Health Professions Bureau into the Professional Licensing Agency. It also repeals a provision concerning the Health Professions Bureau that is similar to a provision concerning the Professional Licensing Agency.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill combines the Health Professions Bureau (HPB) and the Professional Licensing Agency (PLA). Administrative savings may result from eliminating personnel positions that become redundant as job duties are combined. The fiscal impact of this provision is dependent on administrative action.

Background: For FY 2004-2005, the PLA was appropriated approximately \$2.5 M from the General Fund and \$696,000 in dedicated funds; the HPB was appropriated approximately \$5.7 M from the General Fund and \$1.1 M in dedicated funds. As of January 6, 2005, the PLA had 32 full-time staff and eleven vacancies; the HPB had 54 full-time staff and four vacancies. Currently, the PLA performs administrative functions for 15 boards and commissions, and the HPB does the same for 22 boards, commissions and committees.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Professional Licensing Agency; Health Professions Bureau.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: State of Indiana Staffing Report.

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